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## FEDERAL OFFICERS TALK OF CHINESE

### Suggestion of Frauds in Registration Provokes Smiles.

## CHAMBERLAIN TELLS HOW ISLANDS WERE COVERED

### McCabe Gives Official Organ a Shot and Swears by the Re- cord Made by Deputies.

The editorial in the Advertiser reflecting on the integrity of the Chinese Registration about to close under the direction of Roy H. Chamberlain, Collector of Internal Revenue, assisted by Special Agent John A. McCabe, was shown to each of these gentlemen this morning with a request that they express their views upon it.

John A. McCabe said: "The onslaught is uncalled for. I lay it to the disposition of that paper to cater to the local prejudice which seems to exist against all Federal officials. There seems to be a disposition on the part of that paper to cast reflections on Federal authority on very slight pretense."

"As to the possibility of frauds in the Bureau of Chinese Registration, such a thing is preposterous," continued Mr. McCabe. "We have had a separate checking division, the work of which has been solely to guard against repeaters and I do not believe a duplicate certificate has been issued in a single case. We have been surprised in this office as much as any one with the high totals of the registration. We figured at the outset on not more than 22,000 at the highest."

Collector Chamberlain said: "I have no more to say than that we found the Chinese."

When asked to explain his own view of the discrepancy of 6,000 between the estimates and the results, Mr. Chamberlain said that the 22,000 estimate was based on the Hawaiian census of 1896. In table IV of that census report the number of Chinese in the Hawaiian Islands was given at 21,616 both foreign and Hawaiian born. Mr. Chamberlain said he knew nothing about the inducements that might have existed to make it desirable for Chinese to evade the census enumerator, but he would be willing to bet his hat that not fifty Chinese would be left unregistered in the islands when the books close tonight. He said that in addition to the systematic and painstaking diligence of the department, outside assistance had been rendered which greatly increased the efficiency of the registration. The Sugar Planters' Committee, appointed for the purpose, had rendered valuable assistance. Mr. Cooke sent circular letters to all the managers of plantations throughout the islands requesting them to extend every facility to the deputies. This assistance was given, not only with respect to the Chinese upon plantations but to all who lived in the locality or district.

"The number of Chinese has overrun our expectations on every island," said Mr. Chamberlain. "The excess has not shown up in any one locality. Every deputy to outside districts made an estimate when he first began his work and in each case, without exception, the number of Chinese exceeded the estimates."

The registration has been conducted with a view to extending the benefits of the privilege to every person entitled to it. Children of mixed blood, with Chinese parentage on either side have been registered and the number in this class is quite large. The census of 1896 gave a total of 8,885 under the head "part Hawaiian." It is more than probable that a good percentage of the 6,000 excess comes from this source.

The deputies at the registration bureau were busy today taking care of the final last day rush. Owing to the energy and persistence of the collector and his deputies in the earlier stages of the work, the boards were clear and the completeness of the registration was not jeopardized by an unwieldy stampede during the closing hours.

## BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

In Judge Gear's court today the trial of the Japanese breach of promise case is still going on. The forenoon was devoted to taking testimony.

Joseph O. Carter, executor of the will of Eleanor Lazarus, has filed his final accounts and petitions for his discharge.

Michael E. Lennon was admitted to practice law in the courts of the Territory of Hawaii today, the oath being administered by Chief Justice Fear.

Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan, attorneys for the plaintiff, filed a motion today in the Supreme Court to docket and dismiss forthwith, the case of James J. Byrne vs. P. J. Voeller.

## JAPANESE LEAVING HONOLULU

It will undoubtedly be gratifying to Honolulu people to know that the Japanese plantation laborers who were so thick in the city at the time of the big Chinatown fire, are rapidly being thinned out. The work on the Experiment Station reserve has taken a large number, the Rapid Transit Co., fully as many and now the plantations down the road are taking every available Japanese laborer they can get their hands on.

There are standing orders with the immigration companies for all the Japanese it is possible to secure and the runners for these offices are having hard work to find men for the great majority are no longer in the city.

On Tuesday last, 175 Japanese left Ewa plantation and went to Oahu. Even with this much of an increase, Oahu can take hundreds more. There is no question about their remaining a long time on the plantation when once employed for they make contracts to do various fields at so much per field. It is understood that the Japanese make from \$1 to \$1.30 per day by this arrangement.

Healani Minstrels Saturday night.

FRENCH JOURNALIST HERE.

Henri Turot of "Le Journal" (Paris), arrived here in the City of Peking this morning on his race around the world. His trip is for the purpose of lessening the time made by Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's story.

While in San Francisco the traveler was the guest of members of the French colony and was entertained by them. Turot was delighted with what he saw of San Francisco and thought that the "Friscoites" were compensating the capital city of the French by calling San Francisco the American Paris.

Of Honolulu, Mr. Turot has made a great deal but has not had much of an opportunity of forming impressions. The aspect of the hills from the sea as the sun rose this morning, deeply impressed the traveler. From here Turot goes to Yokohama and then to Vladivostok, across Siberia and to Paris.

**Mrs. McKinley Improving.**  
Washington, June 6.—Mrs. McKinley, Sternberg and Johnston were in consultation at the White House about half an hour this morning. After their departure Secretary Cortisyou gave out the following statement:

"Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that she has had a comfortable night and continues to show great improvement."

For groceries ring up Blue 911.

**Late Sugar Market.**

New York, June 6.—Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 8 21-32; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1/2c; molasses sugar, 3 7-16c. Refined, quiet; crushed, 6 1/2c; powdered, 5 5/8c; granulated, 5 5/8c.

**AGUINALDO PEACE MAKER.**

Manila, June 4.—Guevarra, adjutant to General Calles, had a three hours' interview with Aguinaldo today. He said that Calles did not believe that Aguinaldo had been captured and consequently issued a proclamation characterizing Aguinaldo's address to the Filipino people as an American trick.

Aguinaldo, through Guevarra, advised Calles to surrender immediately. After this interview General Wade and General Sumner informed Guevarra that Calles must notify them at Pagsanjan, not later than next Monday, of his decision in the matter. The American generals declined to guarantee that Calles would not be prosecuted.

Tickets now on sale for Healani Minstrels.

Governor Gage has offered a reward of \$5000 for the men who lynched Yantis and four Hall boys in Modoc county, Cal.

## HOUSE DISCUSSES EDUCATION BOARD

### Mossman and Emmeluth Talk About Teachers' Pay Roll.

## KAWAIIHOA INTRODUCES ANOTHER RESOLUTION

### Says That the Lehua Refused to Take Away Twenty Passengers on Its Last Trip—Much Talk and No Work.

The Board of Education came up for added discussion again this morning in the House. Action on the pay roll for teachers was deferred until this morning, so that Mossman had time to prepare a report, as chairman of the Committee on Public Education. Following is the report:

With regard to the seventh item under the heading of Commission of Public Instruction, entitled "Pay Roll, Support of Schools, \$600,000," your Committee on Public Education beg leave to present the following itemized list of teachers in the employ of the Board of Education and the salaries received by each of them, per annum, which shows how this amount is made up. But owing to the irregularities of the apportioning of the salaries among the teachers of apparently the same grade and the appointing of assistants in the various schools without regard to the number of pupils, as your committee find it on further inquiries, your committee cannot but recommend that these different salaries be considered before this sum is passed or amended.

W. M. MOSSMAN,  
S. H. HAAHEO,  
J. K. HIIHO.

The pay roll was annexed to the report, but was not read.

Mossman stated that great irregularities were visible in the salaries. Some had more pupils than money while with others, it was just vice versa.

"I think that I can explain matters," said Emmeluth. "The present Board of Public Instruction is one of the few things that I am directly responsible for in this government. In '93, while I was a member of the 'P. G.' government, W. F. Allen, Governor Dole and myself were appointed to investigate the school system. Of course the other two gentlemen were in favor of whitewashing the whole concern, but we finally made a thorough investigation of the system. The apparent discrepancy in pay is due to the length of service. I know of one teacher who was drawing \$35 a month in '93. Now she is drawing \$100 a month. I think, gentlemen, that the best plan is to let well enough alone."

"Notwithstanding the remarks of the last speaker," Mossman replied, "I still claim that the old conditions are still existing. Take for instance the case of Miss Brinkwood. She began teaching in 1883 and drew \$40 a month. She continued to draw that pay until after the last election when she was suddenly raised to \$100 a month. I tell you it is the Republican policy to draw the color line. The whites are doing it and not the natives, as alleged by some."

A recess cut off further debate. Upon reconvening, Kawaihoa introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, there have been detained passengers that were anxious to take passage on the steamer Lehua for Molokai on June 12th inst., and that the order to Wilder Steamship Co. was from the Board of Health, and

Whereas, an appropriation of \$5200 for two years, and that a total of \$41,600 since 1884 to 1900 and that the said steamer is for the purpose of carrying lepers from Honolulu to Molokai, and that the lepers are separated from the non-leperous people.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii, do hereby instruct the Secretary of this House to communicate to the Board of Health the reasons that the above number of passengers were not allowed to take passage on her. The names of the passengers that were detained are hereby attached.

The names of twenty or more natives followed. After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

At 12:05, the House took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

## CONSTITUTION ACCIDENT

Newport, R. I., June 4.—While dashing along in a good whole sail breeze off Brenton's Reef lightship this afternoon with three lower sails set, the big hollow steel mast of the Constitution collapsed like a blowpipe, through the sudden breaking of the starboard and windward spreader. The mast broke off only a few feet below the spreader, about three-fifths the length of the mast above the deck, and as the topmast was carried away at the same time, none of the spars struck the deck except the boom, and the latter hit only lightly, not injuring the hull at all. None of the sails were torn, and

all can be used again. The yacht will be immediately refitted, but it will be probably ten days or two weeks before she is in shape to sail again, so that the races off this port scheduled for June 15th and 17th will have to be postponed.

Southampton, June 4.—The Shamrock II went into dry dock today for an examination of her hull.

## AT THE ORPHEUM.

The double bill at the Orpheum last night provided excellent entertainment to a good house. The dainty little play of The Burglar was well played and unusually well staged, the honors falling to Baby Lillian as the tiny heroine; Berch in the title role and Watson as the briefcase young barometer. The cast throughout was well suited and the bill in many respects the most artistic and enjoyable presentation of the season. Ellegord and Jessie Norton furnished plenty of merriment in the sketch of Senator McFee. The bill has been presented here before but many originalities were introduced last night that gave it a new complexion. Baby Lillian has a couple of new songs which caught the audience last night.

## FEDERAL OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON

### Messrs. Rodenberg and Severn On Civil Ser- vice Business.

### WILL BEGIN WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

### Four Examining Boards Will Be Established—Principal One Will Be in Honolulu—Another For Hilo.

Prominent among the arrivals in the City of Peking this morning were William A. Rodenberg of East St. Louis, Ill., ex-Congressman and now President of the United States Civil Service Commission, together with A. R. Severn, the Chief Examiner of the Commission. These two Federal officers are here for the purpose of inaugurating civil service in the islands. They are guests at the Hawaiian hotel for the present. Mr. Rodenberg had the following to say to a Bulletin reporter when interviewed this morning:

"Mr. Severn and I have come here for the purpose of classifying the Federal service in the islands. There are fifteen places in the Departmental Service at Washington and five places in the Government Printing offices in the same place. Besides dealing with applicants for these positions, we will also attend to the local service, including the Custom House and Post Office. In connection with the latter, we will hold what are known as 'clerk-carrier' examinations for the purpose of perfecting the free delivery system."

"As you probably know, there are about forty Federal positions in the islands that will have to come under civil service regulations. These positions will have to be classified, and following that preliminary formal examination for the various positions will be held."

"To this end, four examining boards of three men each, will be appointed. The chief of these local boards will be the one stationed in Honolulu, this to have general supervision over the other boards. Undoubtedly, one of these will be stationed in Hilo. The disposition of the other two will be decided on later. It is possible that we may be able to carry on the work with a lesser number than four."

"These examining boards will be permanent institutions. I am not prepared just now to state when these boards will be established and when we will begin our work. It will be necessary for us to consult with the head officials of the Custom House and Post Office before starting in. We may start in tomorrow. We expect to leave for Washington in the steamer that sails from Honolulu on July 9th."

**INVESTIGATE THE HARBORS.**

Washington, June 3.—Chairman T. Burton and a number of members of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, several of whom were accompanied by their wives, left Washington today for an extended trip. Mobile will be visited first and then New Orleans, where other members of the committee will join the party. From the latter city the itinerary will embrace points in Texas and California, and up the Pacific Coast as far as Washington.

The purpose of the journey is to acquaint the committee personally with the rivers and harbors of the territory which they will traverse.

**Shot an Actress.**

Chicago, June 3.—Edward Forshey, of Kansas City, an actor and assistant of theatrical companies tonight shot and killed Miss Edna Stokes an actress whose home is at Sedalia, Mo., and with whom he was deeply in love.

## HARD FIGHTING POWER OF BOERS

### Give British Liveliest Struggle of the Whole War.

## GEN FRENCH AGAIN PUT IN COMMAND

### Britons Suffer Loss and One Surrender --Kitchener's Report Adds Few Encouraging Features.

London, June 4.—The War Office tonight published the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, June 4th:

"Jamestown, Cape Colony, surrendered to Kitchener's command on the morning of June 24, after four hours' fighting. The town guard and local volunteers were overpowered before our pursuing columns could come up. Our casualties were three killed and two wounded. The Boer loss is said to have been greater."

"The stores were looted but the garrison was released."

"Have placed General French in charge of the operations in Cape Colony."

Lord Kitchener, in another dispatch, says: "Dixon's report (of the fighting at Vlakfontein, forty miles from Johannesburg, May 29th), just received. On our side 1450 men with seven guns were engaged. The force was returning to camp at Vlakfontein when the enemy, under cover of a veldt, fired, rushed the rear guard, consisting of two guns of the Twenty-eighth Battery and 330 men of the Derbyshire and the Yeomanry. They temporarily captured two guns. When the remainder of the force came into action the Boers were driven off and the guns recaptured and the Boer position was occupied. Our casualties were six officers and 51 men killed, six officers and 115 men wounded, and one officer and seven men missing. One officer and four men have since died of wounds. Forty-one Boers were killed on the ground. The further Boer casualties are not known. Reinforcements are being sent."

Details regarding the fighting at Vlakfontein show that it was one of the most desperate engagements of the war. General Dixon's column was traversing the district and establishing posts, when it was attacked by 1200 Boers under Commandant Kemp. The Boers were so close that fifty British fell at the first volley.

## Coptic Has Trouble With Chinese Citizens

San Francisco, June 6.—The Pacific Mail steamer Coptic seems to be particularly unfortunate in unauthorized distribution of Chinese passengers at this port. When at her dock on May 13th a Chinese ticketed for Mazatlan eluded the company's watchmen and escaped; on the 15th another Chinese failed to answer to roll call, and on the 17th a third was reported missing. The last two were destined for this port, but had not been passed on by the collector. There were five customs inspectors detailed on the vessel at the time, but it is not any part of their duty to watch the Chinese, for whom the steamship people are responsible. Collector Stratton has reported the negligence of the company's employees to United States District Attorney Woodworth, who will bring action to recover the penalty of \$500 each, prescribed in the immigration regulations. Woodworth says, however, that he is doubtful regarding the result, as the special legislation throws the burden on the master of the vessel only in cases of gross negligence, or where conspiracy can be shown to smuggle the Chinese on shore.

An attempt was made yesterday by a Chinese on the City of Peking to run up a freight gangplank and escape to friends waiting on the freight lumbered dock, where he could have eluded capture. Customs Inspector Liddy was

## DUNNE WILL RETURN

San Francisco, June 3.—Joseph J. Dunne, the attorney, who introduced a new custom into the municipal affairs of the city as administered by the charter by going to Honolulu and accepting the position of assistant District Attorney while under leave of absence and pay from the Health Board of this city, is to sail again for the land of poi next Saturday afternoon.

Dunne was on the Board of Health books as an "experienced clerk" at a salary of \$125 a month, and was really attorney for that body. He secured a leave of absence and went to Hawaii ostensibly for his health. The office of assistant district attorney was open at the time, and he felt well enough to take it. On the 15th of last month he returned to the city and immediately decided to go back to Honolulu to take up a general law practice. Whether he will still keep his job and continue in the employ of the Board of Health at the regular salary, or whether the place will be turned over to some other patriot, the Board is not saying. He will be accompanied by Edward A. Dowbit, formerly in his brother's law office, and who intends to practice in Honolulu.

## CHIEF JUSTICE FREAR FOUND A LOOPHOLE

Chief Justice Frear decided the L. A. Thurston habeas corpus case yesterday afternoon, discharging the petitioner, who was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 for contempt of court and to go to prison until such a time as he would answer certain questions propounded to him by the Grand Jury. The points made by counsel for Thurston, that the question he refused to answer was privileged and that the Grand Jury was an illegal body, were not considered by the Chief Justice. Thurston was discharged on a technicality. The decision holds that the worst contempt, not appearing in the records of the lower court, made the sentence void.

## OFFICES WILL CLOSE

### TERRITORY CANNOT GIVE LAND TO A HOSPITAL

### Residents of King Street Send in Petition for Rapid Transit Tracks in Front of Their Homes.

In the Executive Council today an opinion was read by Attorney General Dole which is self explanatory. It reads:

"In compliance with your inquiry as to whether the executive branch of the Territorial government can donate a building site to the Victoria Hospital for incurables, as suggested by Bishop Willis, the president of the institution, in his letter of June 5th, I regret that I am compelled to say that it seems clear to me that such a gift is not within the executive power."

W. R. Castle was present at the session to confer upon the matter of the partition of certain Tantalus lands. The proposition was taken under advisement.

Two petitions were presented by the Rapid Transit and Land Company. One contained the signature of a majority of the property owners on King street between Victoria street and the Walkiki road, asking that the company put down its tracks within the specified limits. The other petition was of the same character and asked for an electric road on King street from Liliha street to Kamehameha school. The Council gave the permission for the company to comply with the petitions.

The offices in the Capitol building will be closed tomorrow in honor of Flag Day. It has been decided to float from the Capitol flagstaff the 35-foot flag that was raised on Admission Day one year ago.

## Removal

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